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The Administration intends to reduce the number of top-level officials who must approve the use of spying tactics by U.S. intelligence agents on American citizens and corporations, according to Richard K. Willard, U.S. Atty. Gen. William French Smith's intelligence adviser. Willard said spying on Americans would be kept within the law but that an executive order issued by former President Jimmy Carter in 1978 set up a too burdensome array of requirements for top-level approvals. Carter's order was designed to prevent recurrence of the 1960s-1970s scandals in which agents spied on citizens legally protesting Vietnam and civil rights policies.